

**SENATE . . . . . No. 776**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to town meeting dates..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 39 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following sentence:- Except as otherwise provided by special law or a charter adopted  
4 or revised or amended under sections 2, 3, or 4 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the  
5 Constitution of the Commonwealth, which may provide for a different time for the election of  
6 town officials and other matters to be determined by ballot, the annual meeting of each town  
7 shall be held in February, March, April, May or June; and other meetings may be held at such  
8 times as the selectmen may order or the charter or by-law may prescribe; provided, however, that  
9 any annual town meeting shall complete its business on or before June thirtieth.